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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Andreas BIRKNER et al.

Title: SUBSTRATE CONVEYING MODULE AND SYSTEM MADE UP  
OF SUBSTRATE CONVEYING MODULE AND WORKSTATION

Appl. No.: 09/880,100

Appl. Filing Date: June 14, 2001

Examiner: S. Bratlie

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on September 25, 2003.

Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ but not considered.

Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

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b. Enclosed are:

- Amendment/Reply.
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- Information Disclosure Statement.
- Form PTO-1449 with copies of listed reference(s).

Miscellaneous:

- Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e)				\$770.00	\$770.00
Total Claims:	9	- 20	= 0	x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independents:	1	- 3	= 0	x \$86.00 =	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$290.00 =	\$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL: =	\$770.00

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:		\$110.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:	-	
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL		\$110.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		
TOTAL FEE:		\$880.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$880.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

[ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date OCT 27 2003

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